

17th DUBAI OPEN CHESS Tournament 2015

SHEIKH RASHID BIN HAMDAN AL MAKTOUM CUP

5th - 16th April 2015

US\$ 50,000 Prize Fund

Under the Patronage of **Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, Deputy Ruler of Dubai & Minister of Finance and Industry of the United Arab Emirates , **Dubai Chess & Culture Club** is pleased to invite you to participate in the **17th Dubai Open Chess Tournament 2015**, which will be held at Dubai Chess & Culture Club from **5th - 16th April 2015**.

- **Participants:**
 - Open to all **INTERNATIONAL RATED** chess players.
 - Last day of registration is **25th February 2015** (*Penalty Fees applicable after this date*)
 - No Application will be accepted after **20th March 2015**
 - All Participants **accept to fully comply** with the rules and regulations of the United Arab Emirates.
- **Number of Rounds & Time Control:**
 - **9 Rounds** Swiss System
 - **Classic Time Control – 1 Hour + 30 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move for the whole game.**
- **Playing Venue:**
 - At **Dubai Chess & Culture Club** (*Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Hall*), next to Al Shabab Club in Al Mamzar, Dubai , United Arab Emirates
 - Google Map: <http://goo.gl/7kGlxT>
- **Registration:**
 - **Must be submitted online** via the following link <http://bit.ly/1DefpyW>
 - For all other queries please contact info@dubaichess.ae
- **Participation & related Fees:**

○ GM:	Free
○ IM with standard rating above 2400:	Free
○ WGM:	Free
○ IM, WIM, FM, WFM with standard rating below 2400:	US\$ 45
○ Players with Standard rating of 2200-2299:	US\$ 90
○ Players with Standard rating of 2000-2199:	US\$ 135

- **Players with standard rating below 2000:** **US\$ 260**
 - **Blitz Tournament** **US\$ 25**
 - **Late Registration Fee (26th Feb - 20th Mar 2015)** **US\$ 40**
 - **Processing Visa Fee of an accompany Person:** **US\$ 25**
- (Note: USD \$1 = 3.67 AED)

● **All Payments have to be made in FULL to the following Address:**

- **Name:** Dubai Chess & Culture Club
- **Address:** Gate 8, Street No. 44, AL Wuhaida Road Community 134, Dubai, UAE
- **Account Number:** 0049-296666-001
- **IBAN:** AE83 0340 0000 4929 6666 001
- **Bank Name:** EMIRATES ISLAMIC BANK
- **Branch:** Hamriya Souq
- **Bank Address:** Hor Al Anz- Hamriya Shopping Centre P.O Box 6564 Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- **Swift code:** MEBLAED
- **Only Tournament Fees to be paid to the club and registration is confirmed once full payment is received.**
- **Kindly mention your Fide Name & Fide ID in your transfer and send a copy of the transfer to info@dubaichess.ae**

● **Prize Fund: Total of US\$ 50,000**

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| ○ 1st Place | US\$ 12,000 + Cup | 9th Place | US\$ 1,500 |
| ○ 2nd Place | US\$ 7,000 | 10th Place | US\$ 1,300 |
| ○ 3rd Place | US\$ 5,000 | 11th Place | US\$ 1,200 |
| ○ 4th Place | US\$ 3,500 | 12th Place | US\$ 1,100 |
| ○ 5th Place | US\$ 2,500 | 13th Place | US\$ 1,000 |
| ○ 6th Place | US\$ 2,200 | 14th Place | US\$ 900 |
| ○ 7th Place | US\$ 2,000 | 15th Place | US\$ 800 |
| ○ 8th Place | US\$ 1,700 | | |
| ○ Best Result – Emirati Players | (1st: US\$ 600 – 2nd US\$ 500 – 3rd US\$ 400) | | |
| ○ Best Result – Dubai Chess Players | (1st: US\$ 600 – 2nd US\$ 500 – 3rd US\$ 400) | | |
| ○ Best Result –Ladies: | (1st: US\$ 600 – 2nd US\$ 500 – 3rd US\$ 400) | | |
| ○ Best Result – Arab Nationals | (1st: US\$ 500 – 2nd US\$ 350 – 3rd US\$ 300) | | |
| ○ Best player under 2300 – | (1st: US\$ 300 – 2nd US\$ 200 – 3rd US\$ 150) | | |



- **Note:**
 - If two or more players share the same place, the “Cash Prize” will be equally shared.
 - Trophy will be awarded based on Tie break.
 - Special Awards will be based on Rating Performance scored.
 - Players would not be awarded double prizes.
 - **Winner of the Tournament SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY according to the Tournament’s regulation**

- **Hotel Accommodations:**
 - The **(4-star) Abjar Grand Hotel** is the official Hotel of the tournament.
 - The playing Venue is 5-minute drive from the hotel (Approx 2km) and transportation will be provided to/from the club.
 - Dubai International Airport is just a 5-minute away, and short walking distance to Abu Hail metro station
 - **Full Board (3x meals) - Single Room: AED 390 /night**
 - **Full Board (3x meals) - Double Room: AED 490/night**
 - **Full Board (3x meals) - Triple Room: AED 715/night**
 - **For Hotel Booking & Payment kindly Email:**
 - **Mr. Mahmoud Aref – Sales Executive**
 - sales5@abjargrand.ae
 - **Tel: +971-4-2662666 Ext. 8034 Mob: +971-50-5184559**
 - www.abjargrandhotel.com
 - **Kindly mention “ Dubai Chess Club ” to get the above rates**
 - **For invited players with conditions, the Club will manage the booking for them.**

- **Conditions:**
 - **Grandmasters** with a standard rating of **2620+** who register in the tournament and receives a **DIRECT INVITATION** from Dubai Chess & Culture Club will be provided with a **FREE Single Room at the official Hotel (Full Board)**.
 - **Grandmasters** with a standard rating of **2570-2620** who register in the tournament and receives a **DIRECT INVITATION** from Dubai Chess & Culture Club will be provided with a **FREE Double Room at the official Hotel and will be shared with another Grandmaster (Full Board)**.



- All Players who receive a **DIRECT INVITATION** will be escorted from the Airport **(Dubai Terminal 1,2 or 3 only)** to the accommodation **given that they submit exact flight details and arrival before 25th March 2015**

- *Kindly note the following:*
 - *Hotel booking for invited players only will be done through Dubai Chess Club*
 - *Number of FREE rooms are limited and priority will be given to players who register early.*
 - *Accommodation for Invited Grandmasters will cover the duration of the tournament in addition of 1 additional day prior First round (Check in 2:00 PM) and 1 additional day after the closing ceremony (check out 12:00 PM).*
 - *Any Extra day than those mentioned above will be fully born by the players.*

- **Arbitration & Committee Appeal:**
 - The Chief Arbiter and the Organizing Committee will nominate the arbitration team.
 - The Appeal Committee will be selected according to the provisions of the Fide regulations.

- **Visa:**
 - All Participants require a visa, **unless** they are from the following countries:
 - **GCC Countries:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.
 - **Western Europe:** United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Mario, Malta, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Cyprus and Liechtenstein
 - **North America :** USA and Canada.
 - **Far East and Australia:** Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.
 - **Note : visa rules are subject to change. Kindly always confirm with your airline**
 - **Player's who require a Visa are kindly requested to upload and attach a scanned copy of their passports and colored personal photo in the online Application form <http://bit.ly/1DefpyW>**



- Entry Visas to the UAE will be issued for all participants and will be valid for only 15 days from the date of arrival.
- **How to Get to Dubai:**
 - There are two main Airports in Dubai, **The Dubai International Airport & Al Maktoum International Airport**. The airlines servicing the airport include **Emirates Airlines** that connects the city to more than a 100 destinations worldwide, **FlyDubai**, and many other international airlines. In addition, it's possible to reach Dubai via other Airports in the neighboring cities such as **Sharjah International Airport & Abu Dhabi International Airport**.
- **Schedule:**

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	5th Apr	Arrival & Confirming Registration	All Day
Monday	6th Apr	Nomination of Appeal Committee Opening Ceremony Round 1	10:00 18:15 17:30
Tuesday	7th Apr	Round 2	17:30
Wednesday	8th Apr	Round 3	17:30
Thursday	9th Apr	Round 4	17:30
Friday	10th Apr	Rest Day / Blitz Cup	19:00
Saturday	11th Apr	Round 5 Round 6	17:30 17:30
Sunday	12th Apr	Round 7	17:30
Monday	13th Apr	Round 8	17:30
Tuesday	14th Apr	Round 9	17:30
Wednesday	15th Apr	Closing Ceremony	19:00
Thursday	16th Apr	Departure for all Invited players	12:00